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CITY RECEIVES TWO NOMINATIONS FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL

PLACENTIA, CA – The Orange County Business Council recently accepted nominations for the 7th Annual Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet 2017 Awards. The Awards Program is designed to recognize and celebrate outstanding public agencies that have implemented innovative policies and programs to proactively cut through governmental red tape by eliminating barriers to economic growth. These nominations are an opportunity to highlight the City of Placentia's recent adoption of two major advance planning documents and our partnership with a non-profit for a future permanent supportive housing development for military veterans who are homeless or disabled.

The first nomination under the category Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse is for the Transit Oriented Development Packing House District and Old Town Placentia Revitalization Plan. To take advantage of the upcoming Metrolink Station and 246-space parking structure slated to begin construction in April 2018, the City has adopted two master plans for the preservation and revitalization of the City's original Old Town and Packing House District areas. This includes the restoration of historic buildings from the 1900s, the development of mixed-use, transit-oriented development, residential and commercial buildings, and a vibrant, multi-modal environment. Collectively, these project areas will create significant economic development impacts to our local, regional and national economies.

The second nomination under the category Partnership Award Program is for the Placentia Veterans Village. The City is partnering with the County of Orange, Mercy Housing California, and New Directions to plan, design, construct and administer the Placentia Veterans Village, a permanent supportive housing development that will serve military veterans who are homeless or disabled. The development site is a 3.65-acre unimproved site comprised of two parcels, one is owned by the Orange County Flood Control District and the adjacent parcel is owned by a private party. The proposed Development will include fifty (50) furnished apartment homes (forty-nine (49) for veterans and one (1) for one-site management), a courtyard, community garden, recreation room, energy efficient design and appliances, computer room, and resident services offices. The new Development will improve the property significantly while addressing a need for veterans in Orange County and throughout the nation.

On November 16, 2017 the Orange County Business Council will celebrate all nominees and award recipients at a special awards reception to be held at the Center Club in Costa Mesa.

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